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TO : DIAAP-C

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FROM : DIAAP-1TX

SUBJECT: PAF NO. 635-0783

1. (U) The attached sheets tabulate the highway and waterway route capacities for North Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia in compliance with paragraph 6 of the subject PAF.
2. (S) Many damaged or destroyed bridges have temporarily reduced the thru capacity of routes by varying degrees depending upon the type of bypass measure and/or temporary reconstruction undertaken. Capacities are further reduced by daytime armed reconnaissance missions forcing night movement. Many cratered road sections are in poor condition requiring slower movement. However, it must be emphasized that complete movement ~~can never be stopped~~ *is almost impossible to stop*. Although the thruput capacity of the route may be zero, the actual capacity equals the determination and effort the DRV want to expend to get through.
3. (S) The interdiction efforts in Laos have harrassed, delayed, forced some movement off the main routes of travel temporarily and have reduced the thruput capacity to an estimated 200 to 250 STPD.
4. (S) DIAAP-1T is not monitoring the sea route capacities from North Vietnam; this project and the market time operations are within the purview of the Office of Naval Intelligence.
5. (S) It is expected that new access routes from North Vietnam and Laos into South Vietnam will be constructed in 1966. This will enhance the DRV infiltration thruput capability by providing a more diverse choice of routes in light of the present level of interdiction. It is suspected that the practical thruput capacity in Laos to SVN could increase from 200/250 STPD to 400 STPD by December 1966, considering the present level of construction and interdiction.

  
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DIA review(s) completed.



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